

Construction of Hospital Building at Kalagi Chitapur Taluk.

274 SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR (Chittapur).—Will the Minister for Health and Family Welfare be pleased to state —

(a) whether there is a proposal for the construction of 25 bedded Hospital building at Kalagi Taluk Chitapur and to upgrade the P.H.C.

(b) if so, what steps the Government has taken for upgrading the P.H.C. at Kalagi, so far :

(c) whether the Government is aware that the Kalagi, P.H.C. has to look after Health Programme for the population of more than 1,40,000 peoples ;

(d) whether the Government intend to take immediate steps to provide adequate health facilities to the extra population of 40,000 by upgrading the P.H.C. at Kalagi?

SRI A. K. ABDUL SAMAD (Minister for Health and Family Welfare).—

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (a).

(c) This P.H.C. has to look after a population of about 90,000.

(d) Government consider that the present arrangements made are adequate.

SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR.—Sir, while answering question (c) you have stated that P.H.C. Kalagi has to look after Health Programme for a population of about 90,000. But the population in Kalagi Taluk Chittapur is about 1,40,000 and the medical facilities afforded by the Department is very inadequate. Will the Government think of upgrading the P.H.C. at Kalagi in order to give more medical facilities to the public living in that area ?

SRI A. K. ABDUL SAMAD.—Sir, there was a proposal to upgrade the P.H.C. at Kalagi Chittapur Taluk in 1974. But due to paucity of funds the proposal was dropped. Now, the present policy of the Government is that in every taluka there must be an upgraded P.H.C. Now that there has already been a P.H.C. in that area I think at present there will be no necessity to upgrade the same.

SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR.—Sir, may I know the criteria fixed for providing facilities to the rural people ? As already submitted the population in that area is about 1,40,000 and the facilities afforded by the Medical Department is very inadequate. Therefore, will the

Government think of upgrading the P.H.C. at Kalagi Taluk Chittapur and thereby providing better facilities to the people living in rural areas of Chittapur Taluk.

SRI A. K. ABDUL SAMAD.—In Chitapur the population is about 1,72,000. There are two P.H.C. in that area. The request of the Hon. Member cannot be considered for the present. The proposal to upgrade P.H.C. will be considered at the appropriate time.

Development of Horticultural Garden in Gulbarga District

267 SRI ANNARAO PATIL (Aland).— Will the Minister for Horticulture and Prisons be pleased to state :—

(a) what measures have been taken up so far to develop Horticultural Garden in Gulbarga District particularly at Khajuri village border in Aland taluk, where 85 acres land has been handed over to Horticulture Department.

(b) whether it has come to the notice of Government that several pits have been dug up but no plants have been planted so far ;

(c) if so, when the plants will be planted, when the garden will be developed according to plan ;

(d) whether there is similar garden called Dattavana in Ganagapur which is a pilgrimage centre where land has been handed over to Horticulture Deptt. near the said vilage at a place called Sangam on the banks of River Bheema and Awarja ;

(e) whether the Government is aware that a pumpset has been purchased, when plantation has been done but no further progress has been made ;

(f) what immediate action Government would take to develop and to expand this garden ?

SRI K. YENKATAPPA. (Minister of State for Horticulture and Prisons)

(a) As many as 11 farms and 7 nurseries have been established in Gulbarga District. Attempts have been made to develop a Horticultural Farm in an area of 82.17 Acres. at Khajuri village in Aland Taluk. Since the land was found not suitable for cultivating Horticultural